

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6793–S6828

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2963–2971, and S. Res. 445. **Pages S6824–25**

Measures Reported:

S. 2877, to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. **Page S6824**

Sinatra, Jr. Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. **Pages S6800–18**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 370), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6800**

Nomination Votes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Douglas Russell Cole, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, and David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah; that at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Richard Ernest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Sherri A. Lydon, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service; and that if cloture is invoked on the nominations, the confirmation votes occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Thursday, December 5, 2019. **Page S6800**

Pitlyk Nomination—Cloture: By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 371), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Pages S6818–19**

Cole Nomination—Cloture: By 62 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 372), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Douglas Russell Cole, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S6819**

Huffaker Nomination—Cloture: By 88 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 373), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. **Pages S6819–20**

Barlow Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Page S6820**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 88 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 374), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6820**

Myers Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Richard Ernest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Page S6828**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 86 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 369), Eric Ross Komitee, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S6795–S6800**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Page S6827****Additional Statements:****Page S6822****Authorities for Committees to Meet:****Pages S6827–28**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—374) **Pages S6800, S6819–20**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6828.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBSTANDARD MILITARY HOUSING CONDITIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine testimony from the Government Accountability Office on privatized housing findings to include responses from the military services on ongoing reports of substandard housing conditions and services, including preliminary observations on the Department of Defense's oversight of the condition of privatized military housing, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Field, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and Ryan D. McCarthy, Secretary of the Army, Thomas B. Modly, Acting Secretary of the Navy, Barbara M. Barrett, Secretary of the Air Force, General James C. McConville, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army, Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, General David H. Berger, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and General David L. Goldfein, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert J. Feitel, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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U.S. POLICY TOWARDS RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of United States policy towards Russia, after receiving testimony from David Hale, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and Christopher A. Ford, Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation, both of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, Richard Giacalone, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, and Cynthia L. Attwood, of Virginia, and Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, both to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

FRAUDULENT TRADEMARKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine fraudulent trademarks, focusing on how they undermine the trademark system and harm American consumers and businesses, after receiving testimony from Barton Beebe, New York University School of Law, and Megan K. Bannigan, Debevoise and Plimpton LLP, both of New York, New York; Douglas A. Rettew, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett and Dunner, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Thomas Williams, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina; and Stephen Lee, Target, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5277–5293; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 736–740 were introduced. **Pages H9221–22**

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9222–23

Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 4739, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, other personnel, and canines